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DOT CHAIR EVANS/LOCUST GROVE MAYOR LINDSEY ON THE ROAD AGAIN – PEDALING TO CAPITOL TUESDAY

ATLANTA – One of Georgia's pre-eminent cycling couples, State Transportation Board Chairman Mike Evans and Locust Grove Mayor Lorene Lindsey, will be breaking out their helmets and spandex tomorrow (and perhaps a little liniment, too) as they again join hundreds of cyclists biking to the State Capitol for a rally in support of bicycle and pedestrian trails.

The ride is being hosted by the Georgia Municipal and Metro Atlanta Mayors associations and Georgia Bikes! to raise awareness of the benefits of bicycling for health and fitness and as an alternative form of transportation. Cyclists will depart from Marietta, Roswell and Decatur with all groups expected to arrive at the Capitol shortly before a scheduled noon rally.

Evans is an avid cyclist; Mayor Lindsey, at age 85, joined him on a two-seater for the first bicycle ride of her life at this event last year. And they're looking to better their time traversing the Decatur route. "I think they ought to have coed tandem cycling at the Olympics in Beijing this summer," Evans mused. "A little more training, mostly on my part, and Lorene and I definitely would be in contention to medal!"

The Georgia DOT recently added bike lanes to Peachtree Road in Buckhead and the new Perimeter Center Parkway Bridge across Interstate 285 in DeKalb County. Georgia DOT now offers more than 750 miles of bike routes across the State. It has some 400 projects underway which include bicycle and pedestrian accommodations and has spent nearly \$220 million on such facilities in the past five years.

"Biking is fun and biking facilities are important," Evans concluded, "for both the health and relaxation benefits they provide and also because they help get people out of cars, improving our air quality and reducing our congestion."

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